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Celebrating Carla Harris "Lead to Win" Book Launch Event takes place November 8, 2022 at the Florida Blue Conference Center.

Celebrating Carla Harris

Carla Harris is Vice Chairman, Managing Director and Senior Client Advisor at Morgan Stanley. She is Guardian Catholic School's most famous graduate, having attended one of the Guardian legacy schools, St. Pius. Carla went on to Bishop Kenny High School, then Harvard University, graduating Magna Cum Laude with a degree in economics. She received her MBA from Harvard Business School with Second Year Honors before becoming the number-one woman on Wall Street.

Today, Carla is an internationally acclaimed speaker, author and Gospel singer. Her successful 30-year

career is filled with numerous awards and honors from universities and corporations, non-profit charitable organizations, the Catholic Church, and an appointment under President Barack Obama to chair the National Women's Business Council. Carla's singing career includes four sold-out concerts at Carnegie Hall and several albums including *Carla's First Christmas*, *Joy is Waiting* and *Unceasing Praise*.

Carla serves on the national Boards of Walmart and Cummins and is involved philanthropically with many charitable organizations. The books she has authored, including *Expect to Win* (2010) and *Strategize to Win* (2014), have received wide acclaim, and now her third book, *Lead to Win*, is being released with an outstanding event on November 8, 2022, that will benefit Guardian Catholic School's Scholarship Program. The event is sold out with more than 600 guests expected to attend. Presenting Sponsor Florida Blue is hosting her presentation as a fireside chat alongside President and CEO of GuideWell and Florida Blue Pat Geraghty where they will discuss what corporations, businesses and communities must do to attract and retain the next generation of leaders.

It is with immense gratitude that the Board of Directors of Guardian Catholic School thanks Carla Harris, Florida Blue and our many incredible sponsors for their support for the mission of Guardian. Through the provision of scholarships, we offer access for students to realize their God-given potential through a strong education that emphasizes character, Gospel values, academics, and a strong work ethic.



With gratitude,

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Message from Sr. Dianne

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your many gifts to Guardian Catholic School that provide the resources we need for every child to receive an education that instills character, Gospel values, and a strong work ethic. Every child attending Guardian Catholic qualifies for financial assistance, and a scholarship helps them build a solid foundation for their future...a future of hope recognizing their God-given abilities and strengths.

On August 11, Guardian welcomed nearly 400 students back to campus. The theme for this year, "Sowing Seeds of Faith, Knowledge, and Excellence," is inspired by Jesus's Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:15). This theme reminds us that, just like seeds sown in the proper environment can grow into strong fruit-bearing trees, potential is unleashed when young minds are offered a safe, supportive learning environment.

Your gifts allow us to continue to fund scholarships and innovative programs that will develop the next generation of thinkers, leaders, and problem solvers. Below are a few examples of how your gift can be used when you respond to this appeal.

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Gifts of any amount help Guardian Catholic School in its mission to protect the potential of each child, regardless of their family's income, religion, or other social impacts. Thank you for your consideration of a gift today to help ensure our future leaders are ready for success.

Gratefully,

Lister Deann Tunselly, SNO.

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The Jim & Tabitha Furyk Foundation



The Guardian music program recently received a big boost thanks to The Jim & Tabitha Furyk Foundation. The nearly \$16,000 gift brings a host of percussion instruments as well as new keyboards and xylophones.

"There are so many amazing things Guardian Catholic School is trying to accomplish and given our foundation focus on specific projects, this is a perfect match," said Tabitha Furyk. "Learning to read music truly gives these students an opportunity to grow their future and being able to give them these instruments and watch this program grow will be amazing. We're glad to be part of it."

The Furyks were moved to action upon learning of the desire to expand the Guardian music program, a goal of the school's new music teacher, Winston Timmons. Much of The Furyk Foundation's gift went toward efforts of establishing a drumline. Tabitha Furyk paid a visit to Mr. Timmons' music class on September 14, during which students performed exercises on the new glockenspiels and drums





On behalf of the Guardian Catholic School Board of Directors, we wish to thank The Jim and Tabitha Furyk Foundation for their tremendous support for Guardian's music program

funded by the Foundation. Tabitha spoke with the young students about her own time playing the French horn during high school and the importance of music education.

"Having a drum line at Guardian will further round out our program, and bring so much excitement to our sporting events," said Timmons, who joined Guardian Catholic last year after graduating from Edward Waters University where he served as drumline leader. "Helping children as young as first grade to read music and understand the fundamentals often fuels a lifelong passion for music. I'm excited to start my own traditions at Guardian including a band program; my vision is to get more and more kids to learn about music."

"On behalf of the Guardian Catholic School Board of Directors, we wish to thank The Jim and Tabitha Furyk Foundation for their tremendous support for Guardian's music program," said Jane Lanier, Board Chair. "Because of Tabitha and Jim's generosity, our students have many new musical instruments, and they are learning to read music — even our second graders! Quality educational opportunities like this found at Guardian give every child an opportunity to succeed. The Furyks' tireless work for children, particularly the most vulnerable, is recognized and appreciated by all of us at Guardian."

A group of a dozen Guardian student ambassadors was also invited to attend the Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS golf tournament on Friday, October 7. The students, most of whom had never visited a golf course before, had a great time watching the players and learning about the sport. The tournament, now in its second year, raises funds for local charities in the Jacksonville community.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT Khadija Jones

The summer before my seventh grade year, my mom moved to the north side of Jacksonville. I had three cousins attending Holy Rosary School and their moms, my aunts, recommended Holy Rosary. They thought it would be a great fit for me and it was! Naturally shy and not very outgoing, I quickly made friends at this Guardian legacy school and gained self-confidence through the teachers' encouragement.

The two greatest assets at Guardian were my friends and the teachers who were always there to give me additional help and encourage me to do my best. After graduating in 2017, I attended Bishop Kenny High School. There, I was a member of the junior ROTC program and received the ROTC leadership award twice.

I am now a sophomore at Florida State College at Jacksonville and am on a career path in digital media. My goal is to get a job with a marketing firm and use my skills to create flyers, banners, webpages and other visual media.

The academic world will always pose challenges, and I know it will not always be easy. But

the foundation I received in my earlier education has prepared me to meet the challenges. I feel so blessed with the gifts God has given me throughout my life.

Advice I would give to Guardian Catholic students is to stay balanced. Remember that the reason you are at school is to learn. Stay focused; take school seriously; don't stress too much; and have fun. To keep my life in balance, I like to make gift baskets and gift bags to give out to my friends and family to keep them uplifted.

I am so grateful to have been awarded a four-year college scholarship from the Schuppert family and the Florida Prepaid



College Foundation. This opportunity will provide the financial support I need in order to successfully meet my career goals.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Mark Dawkins

Mark Dawkins serves on the Board of Guardian Catholic School and in his own words does so as a way of giving back to his community where he grew up on the northside of Jacksonville. Mark attended St. Patrick's Catholic School from kindergarten through 8th grade then continued to Bishop Kenny High School. He went on to receive his bachelor's degree in management from Georgia Tech. He holds an MBA and accounting masters degree from the University of Florida and a PhD in accounting from Florida State University.

Dr. Dawkins recently was named as the first African American President of the American Accounting Association. His career experience includes serving as Associate Professor and Associate Dean for academic programs and director of diversity relations at the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business. Most recently, he served for a five-year term as the Dean of the Coggin College of Business at the University of North Florida. He continues to serve on the faculty at UNF.

Mark is one of seven boys in his family. His dad was a medical physician and his mom, a retired nurse. They believed that a great education made all the difference in the opportunities each of their children would have. His brothers are all professionals in the fields of law, medicine and business. Mark is married to Janyce, and they have a son finishing his residency near Tampa as an internal medicine physician and a daughter who is a nurse at the nationally acclaimed Shepherd Center in Atlanta.



Mark Dawkins brings his expertise to the Guardian Board in so many ways, serving on the Finance Committee, as co-chair of the Strategic Planning Committee and leading a speaker's bureau series for Guardian's middle school students. We are blessed by his commitment to Guardian Catholic School and his great work for our community.



Underwater Robotics Station & Drone Launch Station

An outdoor Science and Technology center will feature many opportunities for hands-on learning including an underwater robotics station and a drone launch site.



Outdoor Music & Performing Arts Center

An outdoor music and performing arts center will feature amphitheater-style seating beneath a flexible shade canopy and outdoor musical instruments to showcase students' music and theatrical performances.



GUARDIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Outdoor Learning Center

The legacy of Guardian Catholic School has always been to create first-class spaces for advanced educational opportunities for our students regardless of their religious preference or economic status. Guardian is the great equalizer that will give them the ability to succeed in school and in life. Now in its sixth year on the new campus, the school continues to provide education that instills Gospel values and builds character for around 400 children in the inner-city of Jacksonville.

Guardian plans to establish an innovative Outdoor Learning Center on its campus that will include all the components of STREAM – Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Math. We are excited to share with you a few renderings of some of the components of this project, which will offer students new opportunities for interdisciplinary learning in the great outdoors.

We are grateful to the engineers and architects from RS&H for their generous pro bono work in collaboration with a team of outstanding faculty and staff under the direction of the Sisters of Notre Dame to create these preliminary conceptual drawings.

We believe community leaders will wish to consider this project in their philanthropic plans. Investing in a school like this and in the children we serve changes a community for the long term.

Please contact Julia Zimmerman at 904.765.1920 or juliaz@guardiancatholicschools.org for more information and naming opportunities.

Outdoor Fitness Track & Movement Center

A fitness track and movement center will have stations that offer children an opportunity to build strength, stamina, and muscle through daily exercise. The track is designed for safety and will utilize a soft, durable, spongelike surface that reduces injuries. There is a rest and observation area to the side with a shade canopy stretched above for a respite from the Florida sun.



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